

Homegoing Celebration For
Birdie L. Hagains



Sunrise:
June 17, 1933
Hammond, LA

Sunset:
October 2, 2011
Oakland, CA

Monday, October 10, 2011 ■ 11:00 A.M.

Greater Galilee Church of God In Christ
2439 Adeline Street
Oakland, California 94607

Officiating: Pastor James E. Bobo

Reflection of Life
Birdie E. Hagains

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance.

Birdie E. Hagains was born in Hammond, LA on June 17, 1933 to the parents of George and Viana Hagains. Birdie was one of five children.

Birdie confessed Christ at an early age at St. Paul Baptist Church in Hammond, LA, where she was baptized by the late Reverend E. D. Burns. Upon moving to California in 1969, Birdie united with Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, CA under the leadership of the late Reverend S.J. Scott. There Birdie was an active member in the Dorcus Mission Circle which later became the Willing Worker's Mission. She was a teacher for Sunday school and the Director for Vacation Bible School for many years.

Birdie's Formal education began at Hammond Colored High School in Hammond, LA; later graduating from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA with a Bachelors of Arts in English. Upon locating to California, Birdie received her Master's degree in Language Arts.

Birdie's first teaching assignment was at the high school where she graduated from, which later became Greenville Park High School. There she taught many relatives and friends. Birdie also taught at O.W. Dillon High School in Kentwood, LA. She then migrated to Oakland, CA where she was recruited to teach English at Berkeley High School. Birdie worked there until her retirement in 1994. Anyone who came into contact with Birdie knew that she was an educator. She accepted nothing but their best, and pushed them to reach their highest potential.

Birdie was a loving Aunt, Mother to her nieces and nephews, and a very faithful friend. She was charming, witty, helpful, and strong spirited; her faith never wavered in the Lord! Birdie lived her life as many of us wished we could; never complaining and always willing to help. She clothed, fed, and housed the homeless without judgment, and always with love.

Birdie was preceded in death by her parents George and Viana Hagains; two brothers, Bernard Hagains and Frederick Hagains, two sisters, Mable Jones and Rosa Bowman; and a nephew, Curtis Wayne Byrd.

The pages of Birdie's memories are written upon our hearts and will be cherished by all of us who knew her. Chapters were written, pages were turned, but the book of this faithful, strong spirited person will live on forever and ever.

Those who will miss Birdie most are Revis Bowman, whom she affectionately thought of as her son-he loved and cared for her until her death; her nieces and nephews, Gail Alsobrook (William), Sheryl Hines-Nicholson (Kedrick), Daria Dorst, Gregory Bowman, Carol Byrd, Bernard Lee (Bobbie), Vernon Ray Scott, Roland Jones, and Michael Hagains; special relatives, Elizabeth Burton-Gordon, Cora B. Evan, Marion Faye McGee, and Ada Sellers; special loved ones include, God-daughters, Marcia and Lisa Wilson and special sons, Bishop Joseph James and David Markham; A special-special son Aarone Ward; a special friend, devoted confidant, and prayer partner, Dorothy Y. Wasdon; great and great-great nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends from coast to coast.

~ Order of Service ~



Processional.....

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Greater Galilee Minister

New Testament.....Dr. Michael Pasley

Prayer.....Reverend Aarone Ward

Musical Selection.....Sister Audrey Bobo

Acknowledgment of Cards/CondolencesNajah Trotty

ObituaryNajah Trotty

Musical Selection.....Sister Alice Bozeman

Expressions

Birdie as a Friend - Dorothy Y. Wasdon
Birdie as a Family Member - Sheryl Hines-Nicholson
Birdie as a Christian - Michelle Caesar

Musical Selection.....Brother Bruce Washington

EulogyPastor James E. Bobo

Parting View "Never Could of Made it" - by Marvin Sapp (CD)

Recessional.....

Mar 6:9
Job: Thy Will be done

Active Pallbearers

Erik Lewis
Revis Jackson
Vernon Ray Scott

Kedrick Nicholson
Andreionne Dickerson

Honorary Pallbearers

Bernard Lee
David Markham
Carl Wesley

William Alsobrook
Gregory Bowman
Revis Bowman

Acknowledgment

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food; If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part, may God bless you.

The Family of Birdie E. Hagains

Arrangements Entrusted To

Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home
3665 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland, California

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California 94806

Repast

Immediately following grave site departing Greater Galilee Church of God in Christ.